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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES - CAMP CONDITIONS IN THAILAND

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT CARRIED ON AP DATELINED SIDNEY, AUSTRALIA, MARCH 9, UNDER HEADING "REFUGEE CONDITIONS SAID TO BE APPALLING": "UP TO 80,000 INDOCHINESE REFUGEES ARE LIVING IN "APPALLING"--CAMPS IN THAILAND AND HAVE TO FORAGE IN THE JUNGLE FOR FOOD AND SHELTER MATERIALS, A SENIOR AUSTRALIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICER SAYS. GREG HUMPHRIES TOLD A WEEKEND MEETING THAT ONLY ABOUT 10 PER CENT OF UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FOOD RATIONS GOT TO THE REFUGEES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS SAID THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE HUMPHRIES' FIGURES ARE ACCURATE. THE SPOKESMAN SAID HUMPHRIES' INFORMATION CAME MOSTLY FROM REPORTS BY NEWSPAPERS AND SUCH UNCLASSIFIED

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ORGANIZATIONS AS THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON RELIGION AND PEACE. HUMPHRIES SAID THAT ABOUT 70,000 TO 80,000 REFUGEES ARE LIVING IN CAMPS IN THAILAND, MOST OF THEM MEMBERS OF MEO AND LAO TRIBES WHO DO NOT WANT TO LEAVE THE AREA."

2. ALLEGATIONS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF UNHCR GENEVA AND BANGKOK FOR COMMENT. REQUEST BANGKOK ALSO MAKE

INDEPENDENT COMMENT. ALTHOUGH DEPT AWARE THAT CLAIMED
SOURCES ARE SUSPECT, PRESS REPORTS ON THIS SUBJECT REQUIRE
RESPONSE SINCE BUDGET HEARINGS UNDERWAY ON REQUESTS FOR
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